Mr. M., Srinivasa Rao, B.A., Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

to *bona fide* house builders of limited means at 5½ per cent on proper security.

Mr. M. Srinivasa Rao—Government should pay more attention to the health of poor people. Coolies especially live in very congested localities and in poor huts, where epidemics are very frequent. Sites should be set apart in every district to give proper houses to poor people. In some form or other money should be lent to them especially to those who are employed in various industrial concerns in the State. Municipalities should be responsible for making arrangements and Government must make up their mind to bear the cost. Money may be given to house-building Co-operative Societies.

Reply of Government.—Co-operative Societies can raise loans to finance these schemes. If any Co-operative Society comes to Government with any particular scheme, Government will consider it favourably. Municipalities cannot lend money. They may build houses and sell them. This experiment is being tried in Shimoga. If it works successfully, Government will extend it to other places.

Miscellaneous.

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Subject No. 177.

Removal of restrictions on free transport of food grains between Mysore and the British territories.

Mr. Anjaneya Setty, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The restriction imposed on the free transport of food grains between the Mysore State and the British territories has stopped all such transport to the great inconvenience of the people. The restriction may be removed.

Chief Secretary.—We are in communication with the British Government, as to the feasibility of removing the restrictions. We are getting 10,000 bags of rice from Rajamundry in exchange for ragi, gram, etc., to be sent from here. The restrictions have caused some difficulties but they are absolutely necessary under existing conditions and it is not possible to cancel them. The British Government have also similar restrictions.

Mr. Narasimhachar.—During market days all the carts with or without licenses should be allowed to pass without being detained in the ookads. There should be no restrictions on the carts going to the Santemarahalli shandy.

Reply of Government.—The restrictions cannot be removed yet. The Food Controller will inquire into individual grievances.

Subject No. 178.

Retail and Wholesale Prices of Food Grains.

R.A.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Retail and wholesale prices for the sale of food grains may be fixed by Government. (2) Government Grain Depots may be established

Mr. S.R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Taluk

in all Taluk Headquarters where rice, ragi or jola and broken rice may be sold at fixed rates of 5 seers and 10 seers a rupee, respectively. Otherwise, merchants charge exorbitant rates. Government fixed a rate for the sale of kerosine oil, but the merchants have begun to sell a tin of oil at the rate of 10 to 15 rupees. The poor are suffering immensely. Government should purchase all the oil and sell it through their depots.

Food Controller.—Government have ordered the opening of grain depots in places where they are required. Government had fixed the rates for rice, ragi, etc., but the arrangements, did not work satisfactorily. As for the oil question, Government cannot purchase and sell all the oil required by the whole population. There would be other serious difficulties if we purchase the oil. Please see the *Hindu* of the 17th instant and you will know what a great trouble it will be, if we take away kerosine oil from the hands of the company's agents. We have made another arrangement; we have got lists from the various municipalities and hospitals and other institutions showing their requirements, and according to these, oil has been supplied.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurthi Rao.—An officer should be deputed to Burma, as was done for rice, to purchase oil.

Mr. Usman Khan suggested the starting of a poor fund by merchants.

Mr. Krishna Sastry suggested the starting ofgrain banks.

Revenue Commissioner.—The idea of grain banks is a good one. They have been started in Kolar, Chitaldrug and Tumkur. On account of the unfavourable seasonal conditions, much progress was not made.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami—The Food Controller may visit every district headquarter once a month and hold meetings and settle all grievances.

Mr. Narasimhachar.—Country carts should not be stopped for not having lights, until kerosine oil is made available.

Reply of Government.—(1) Government are not in favour of fixing prices as suggested.

(2) Instructions have issued that grain depots should be started where they are found necessary.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Confidential Circulars by Heads of Departments.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—The practice of Heads of Departments treating circulars which affect the public as confidential should be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—Government have issued orders that when circulars involve important questions of